

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 1115 - SB 1348**

March 30, 2003

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates the offense of theft of property by emergency exit which would occur if a person knowingly obtains or exercises control over merchandise without the owner's consent through an emergency exit. The offense will be punished as theft based upon the value of the property and will be one classification higher than provided by current law.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$149,300/Incarceration\***

Assumes 20 Class E felony convictions and 10 Class D felony convictions for theft of property by emergency exit.

*\*Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director